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where a decline in the number of corn raising farms is noted.

In New England for instance, there are 23,000 less farms raising corn, Connecticut having 2500 of that number, and Connecticut has the most farms of any of the New England states where corn is raised. Connecticut raises over two million bushels of corn but it was growing about a half million less in 1919 than it was ten years previous. In the decrease of farms Connecticut is suffering in the production of corn and at a time when high freight rates are costing more to bring here from the corn belt. Considering the available land, the nearness to Connecticut users who must buy corn and the present day freight rates there would appear to be a chance for the corn raisers. In the ten year period there was an increase in the amount of corn produced for sale in the state but considering the production and consumption there is an opportunity for a still greater increase to the advantage of the producer.

It may not be possible to raise corn as cheap here as in some other states but it ought to be possible to come near supplying our own needs with the right attention directed to corn raising.

## END POISON GAS ATTACKS.

While other efforts are underway for making war impossible, or to insure the peace of the future by the elimination of conditions that would tend to create it, it is a regrettable stand that is taken by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers in adopting resolution demanding the continued use of chemicals in warfare. That looks very much like a selfish proposition, without regard for the effects of such a war weapon.

It is possible that the mowing down of the rank and file by poison gas is no worse than the dropping of them by gunfire and army thus destroyed may not prevent such a gruesome sight since there is no mutilation, but it is to be remembered that it is not possible to apply poison gas and have it confined to the ranks of the opposing forces. The use of poison gas means destruction for everything that it reaches, whether it is the advance guard of an army or the village of non-combatants. The use of poison gas would likewise mean the annihilation of a much greater number and the frightful suffering of those who were gassed, but not sufficient to be killed.

While the gas makers are demanding that gas should be kept as a war weapon, it is significant that General Pershing in acting for the American advisory committee at the conference recommends that all forms of gas warfare should be abandoned. There can be no question but what the sentiment of the country will strongly support General Pershing's view. There has always been strong opposition to the use of poison in war, quite the same as there was to the use of poison gas, and while it may be true that there are other provisions in it accepted as a legitimate war weapon public sentiment hasn't as yet gotten to the point where it will approve such a use of chemicals unless driven to it by the acts of others.

Though the complete elimination of poison gas will humanely be the best served and more than the people of this country will look to the conference to reach such an agreement.

## DISREGARDING A CONTRACT.

To most people a contract is a contract and it is understood that the terms must be carried out as agreed. Now and then there are those who think they can snap their fingers at a contract and ignore the fact that they are a party to one.

That some of the garment-making concerns in New York are coming to a realization that they have a contract to live up to is indicated by the reopening of their shops and the return to work of about 14,000 employees under the terms of the agreement which runs until next spring.

Last month the employers, in spite of the contract, gave notice that they were going to put their factories on piece work. They believed that their goods should sell cheaper. They found they could not meet competition and believed that the only way they could cut costs was to return to piecework, thereby increasing production. It resulted in a strike and something more for lawsuits were established by the strikers upon grounds similar to what were followed in the case of the Danbury hatters. This brought the employers to a realization of the fact that they had a contract with their employees and that it was impossible to disregard its terms in the manner they undertook. There was a responsibility upon the part of the garment-making concerns in this instance quite the same as there was upon the hatters in the Danbury case.

It may be that the manufacturers had a grievance against the amount of production and a right to believe there should be a greater production but that did not justify them in taking the view that they could disregard a contract, even though that contract makes clothes cost more.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Even though we have prohibition it isn't possible quite yet to close up the farm for inebriates.

The man on the corner says: It is a rarity these days to see a person going home without joining the package brigade.

It looks very much like delayed payment for Germany, but that doesn't mean that Germany will be justified in lying down on its job.

Between the close of the football season and the opening of the baseball season it will be occupied with basketball or the ever strenuous ping pong.

In urging the decrease of taxes and an equitable adjustment of the national burden Secretary Mellon will get the hearty approval of the country.

C. W. Morse is of course going to have the benefit of a two weeks' trip on the ocean which he would not have obtained at all once were it not for the government.

With building contracts in New York City amounting to over a third of a billion those backing the St. Lawrence canal project will feel that there are places where money can be obtained.

Up in Dedham, Mass., there is a society for the apprehension of horse thieves. Other communities might copy the idea and substitute autos for horses now that the latter are so few and far between.

Secretary Davis says the average American consumes 100 pounds of food in a year. There the matter is in that quantity to be put out comes of the starving and the thoughtless who are the average persons who are the cause of the food shortage.

## WOMAN IN LIFE AND IN THE KITCHEN

### SUGGESTIONS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Cheese sauce is a delicious addition to cauliflower.

A rather low temperature is required for all egg cooking.

The water in which you boiled the potatoes will clean your flat silver nicely.

If bone-handled knives become discolored they should be lightly sand-papered and then polished.

Ivory handled knives which have become discolored can be nicely cleaned with lemon juice and salt.

To have the crust of bread a rich golden brown dampen the top of each loaf with milk before putting into the oven to bake.

Before you squeeze the lemon to get the juice, heat it slightly in the oven. It will produce nearly twice as much juice.

Alabaster may be repaired with the white of an egg and quicklime in the proportion of the white of one egg to one teaspoonful of lime.

To the usual recipe of apple pie omit the top crust and put on a layer of marshmallow; return to oven and let brown. This will make a pleasant change.

If you would keep the boiled rice very white and keep the kernels separate, put a few drops of lemon juice in the water in which you boil it.

To measure butter without softening it:—If half a cup is needed fill a cup half full of water, then add piece of butter to water. If a little is cupful is wanted repeat the process.

An always-at-hand method of cleaning steel is to use a slice of raw potato, then polish with a piece of flannel. If the steel is rusty use salt with hot vinegar, then rub with flannel.

### AVOID ACCIDENTS

Poisons should be kept in special bottles, but often household cleaning materials that are poisonous are kept in any bottle with a handle. To prevent any mistake keep a round-headed pin in the cork of every liquid that is poisonous, so that even in the dark there is little risk of a fatal mistake.

### HALF-GROWN CHILD

For a child who has outgrown baby's high chair, but not quite ready for a dining chair, screw the knobs known as "door bumpers" into the four legs of a common chair. If a little child comes on he will not have to build up the chair seat with the dictionary or other big book. Stain or paint it if desired.

### OLD STRAW HATS

Straw hats can be cleaned and bleached by dissolving one teaspoon of oxalic acid crystal in half a pint of lukewarm water. Stuff the crown with paper to keep it firm and scrub with this solution, using an old toothbrush. Rinse in a little of the solution then in clear water. Place hat in sun to dry and when it is almost dry press with a warm flatiron, being careful to put paper or cloth between the hat and the iron. Iron until the hat is thoroughly dry.

### HEALTH AND BEAUTY

Children are burdened with excessive clothing and in the city homes kept in too warm rooms. These two things are among the most frequent reasons for their taking cold so easily.

For hair which won't comb nicely, gets stringy because there's too much oil, nothing is better than a mixture of lime water and glycerin. Use 1-2 pint of lime water to 1 ounce of glycerin.

A little sweet oil scented with oil or bergamot rubbed into the scalp. It loosens the dandruff and helps to retain the pretty glossy. This should be used, however, as the night before you intend shampooing.

Standing with the hands above the head and stooping to touch the floor with the finger-tips is a splendid exercise for keeping the figure young. Stand with the hands on the hips and revolving the upper part of the body without moving the hips and using the waist as a pivot is splendid for retaining flesh water should be squeezed out of the body. This should be followed by a brisk rubbing with a towel, until the skin is red. This may be used at 2 years of age and often at 3 years.

### THE BABY'S BED

For the first two or three months of a baby's life a clothes-basket, on a stand will do very well for the bed. This basket should be furnished with a folded army blanket or table-cloth which fits the bottom of the basket and serves as a mattress. Do not allow your baby to lie on a feather pillow. On top of the mattress should be a metal square, next a fine sheet, then a quilted pad, then another sheet, next a pair of wool or cotton blankets, then the little spread or a down comforter. When the baby outgrows this basket-bed a metal cot should be provided